



Arizona

Arizona Medically Underserved Areas

Purpose

The Arizona Medically Underserved Areas (AzMUA) designation is used for planning for delivery of primary care services.

Establishes eligibility for State Programs such as the Arizona Medical Student Loan Program, and for the former Tobacco Tax Primary Care Program.

Requirements

Designation is based on the Primary Care Index, which consists of 14 weighted items that include:

- Provider to population ratio
- Percent of population below poverty
- Transportation
- Percent of uninsured births
- Low Birth Weight
- Prenatal care
- Infant Mortality Rate
- Percent of Deaths before US expectancy
- Ambulatory sensitive conditions
- Percent of Minorities, Elderly and Unemployed

Highlights:

- AzMUA designation process began with the identification of rational service areas in Arizona, which led to the Arizona Primary Care Area Plan.
- Rational Service Areas are determined based on health care seeking patterns and demographic characteristics.
- Arizona Statute considers all Primary Care HPSAs as AzMUAs.

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